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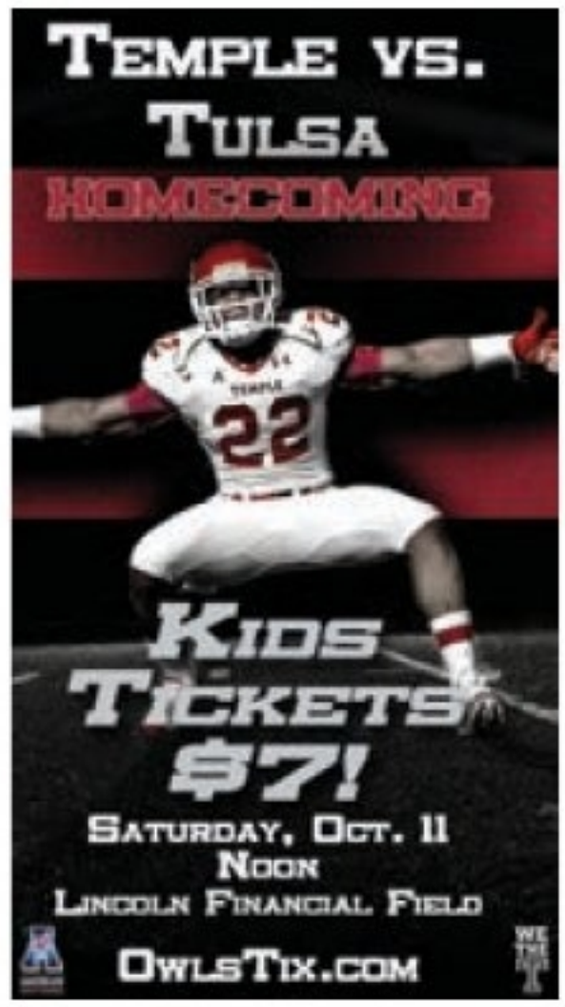

Teachers' contracts unexpectedly nixed

Education. The School Reform Commission, on Monday, suddenly canceled school district teachers' contracts. Officials plan on dismantling the union's health and welfare fund, forcing teachers to pay into their benefits. PAGE 02

Protesters outside of Gov. Corbett's Center City office on Monday afternoon criticized the School Reform Commission's sudden move to nix contracts for district teachers. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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3 'VIDEO: Man confronts panhandling woman when she's spotted in new car'

A few dozen protesters gathered Monday outside of Gov. Tom Corbett's Center City offices to denounce the SRC. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Union prez: SRC's actions are 'dirty'

Philadelphia. School officials want teachers to pay into their own health benefits to help fill budget gaps.

Philadelphia teachers and union officials received a surprise Monday morning.

The School Reform Commission, the board that governs the School District of Philadelphia, announced Monday morning that it canceled its contract with the teachers' union.

The SRC, citing the 2001 state takeover agreement, claims it has the power to strike down the contract.

Teachers and other members of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers union will not see cuts to their salaries. However, their health benefits will be restructured, according to the district.

"The fiscal stability created by these benefit changes will lessen the dire circumstances facing our teachers and students every day," said Schools Superintendent William Hite.

No union member ever paid into their benefits, but now with a district-managed plan, they will. Also, the benefits of retired employees will no longer be paid.

PFT president Jerry Jordan, flanked by PFT lawyers, said "they're working."

He added that he doesn't think the SRC has the power to impose these terms and will fight it.

Jordan said the actions of the commission were "dirty" and "underhanded," and he demanded the district get back to contract negotiations.

"It is time for the district to come back to the negotiating table to get this contract done," he said.

Visit **Metro.us** for more details of the SRC's decision from Monday.

Details

District officials said the new benefits plan is expected to save the district upward of $44 million this year and upward of $70 million moving forward. The money, officials said, will be redirected into the school.

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Quoted

"I'm not happy. I'm frustrated and angry. ... It's like a slap in the face."

Shaw MacQueen, sixth-grade teacher at Bryant Elementary

"This situation has been going on long enough. ... and it's like nobody ever wins."

Chihara Bilaal, of Action United, and mother of four students

Philly. SEPTA, Fire Department team up for Fire Prevention Week

For the 15th year running, SEPTA and the Philadelphia Fire Department are observing Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 5-11) by placing informational cards in 2,500 SEPTA vehicles through the fall.

The campaign, entitled "Freedom From Fire, Be a Safe and S.M.A.R.T. Citizen through Community Risk Reduction," encourages citizens to install working smoke alarms and have an escape planned in the event of a fire.

Fire Commissioner Derrick J.V. Sawyer and SEPTA Chief Officer of System Safety Scott Sauer kicked the week off at Engine 43, Ladder 9 in Center City. METRO

Students from the Middle Years Alternative School pose with Paws and Gentry.
CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Northeast Philly

State trooper killed at training laid to rest

Trooper David Kedra, 26, who died in an accidental shooting in Conshohocken last week, was laid to rest at funeral services in Northeast Philadelphia on Sunday.

Hundreds of police officers lined the streets as Kedra's casket was carried into Christ the King Church, reports say.

Kedra died after two years on the force when another state police employee's weapon accidentally discharged during an educational session, striking him in the chest.

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DHS worker stole more than $18K in SEPTA tokens: DA

Philadelphia. A city worker faces 1,576 counts of fraud and theft for allegedly using her position to rob the city of nearly $25,000.

Shamira Hawkins-Worthey
PPD

Social worker services manager Shamira Hawkins-Worthey, 30, at the city's Department of Human Services' (DHS) turned herself in Monday to face charges that she stole more than 11,000 SEPTA tokens during a nine-month time period — while also allegedly faking slips for overtime.

"I have no words for the actions of this person," District Attorney Seth Williams said in a statement. "Instead of helping some of the most vulnerable people in our city, she chose to use her position with DHS to line her own pockets. It's sad and very, very wrong."

Hawkins-Worthey's job included providing SEPTA fare tokens to DHS clients to aid them in commuting to events like court hearings and doctors' visits.

But in September 2013, a supervisor noticed that Hawkins-Worthey had requested and received 300 tokens in two days for cases that were inactive or closed.

From January to September 2013, Hawkins-Worthey made 640 questionable requests for SEPTA tokens, and received 11,474 tokens worth $17,784.20.

Of those requests, signatures by supervisors on 366 were confirmed as forgeries. Others cited DHS cases that "were either closed, inactive or did not exist," the DA's office said in a press release.

Hawkins-Worthey is also charged with racking up $6,372.34 in forged overtime requests for inactive or closed cases. She is charged with a total theft of $24,156.54 from the city.

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Let the Weight Be Over

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Chinatown. Woman sexually assaulted inside gallery: Police

Police are seeking a suspect who allegedly beat and sexually assaulted a 45-year-old woman inside her business on Sunday morning.

Surveillance footage from Oct. 8 at around 8 a.m. shows the suspect enter the unidentified business, on the 100 block of North Ninth Street in Chinatown, through the front door carrying a plastic bag with an unknown object inside.

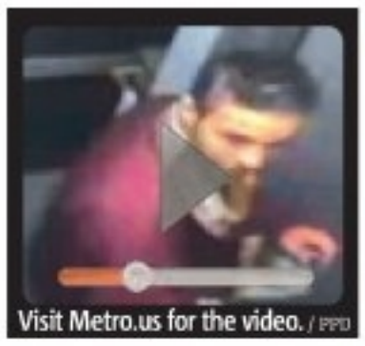
The victim was inside her art studio when she was attacked, reports say.

The suspect forced the female into the rear of the building where he beat her with the apparently heavy object in the plastic bag before forcing her into an office and sexually assaulting her.

The suspect stole $600 before fleeing the business.

The victim sustained head lacerations and was treated at Jefferson Hospital.

The suspect is described as a white male, about 25 years old, with short brown hair, a light beard, a light-colored baseball cap, red jacket, dark pants and white sneakers. SAM NEWHOUSE



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Three cheers for the Birds' home record

Philadelphia Eagles cheerleader Snow, center, and Emily, right, joke with a fan at a meet-and-greet session with Eagles cheerleaders at the Santander bank at 38th and Chestnut streets in West Philadelphia on Monday afternoon, in honor of the Eagles 4-1 record this season — and an undefeated home record. Center Jason Kelce also met with fans.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Philadelphia

DA: Postal worker stole $28,0000

Felicia Townsend, 36, of North Simpson Street in West Philadelphia, has been hit with a slew of charges for selling money orders at U.S. Postal Service locations, voiding the orders then pocketing the money, according to the DA's office.

Townsend, a full-time postal worker since 2011, had stolen $28,642.31 in money orders from Oct. 19, 2013 to April 8 of this year.

Townsend has been charged with receiving stolen property, theft, unlawful use of a computer and tampering with public records.

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Five more states can go ahead with gay marriage after high court dodge

Gay rights. The number of states permitting gay marriage jumps from 19 to 24.

A couple talks with reporters after it was announced gay couples can marry in Virginia. /GETTY IMAGES

The U.S. Supreme Court declined on Monday to decide once and for all whether states can ban gay marriage, a surprising move allowing gay men and women to get married in five additional states, with more likely to soon follow.

On the first day of its new term, the high court without comment rejected appeals in cases involving five states — Virginia, Oklahoma, Utah, Wisconsin and Indiana — that had prohibited gay marriage, leaving intact lower-court rulings striking down those bans.

The decision is likely to be followed by six more states that are bound by the regional federal appeals court rulings that had struck down bans. That would leave only 20 states that prohibit same-sex marriage.

But the move by the nine justices to sidestep the contentious issue means there will be no imminent national ruling on the matter, with litigation likely to continue in states with bans.

Gay couples in affected states are expected to seek marriage licenses immediately. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"Any time same-sex couples are extended marriage equality is something to celebrate."

Chad Griffin, president of the gay rights group Human Rights Campaign

Diagnosed. American Ebola patient arrives in Nebraska hospital

An ambulance carrying an American freelance cameraman who contracted Ebola in Liberia, Ashoka Mukpo, arrives at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. / GETTY IMAGES

The fifth American to contract Ebola in West Africa arrived in the United States for treatment on Monday as the first patient diagnosed with the deadly virus on U.S. soil was in critical condition at a Dallas hospital, officials said.

A private plane carrying Ashoka Mukpo, a freelance cameraman for NBC News who contracted Ebola in Liberia, landed in Omaha and was taken to the Nebraska Medical Center. The plane was met by an ambulance staffed by workers in yellow protective suits, NBC video showed. Mukpo, 33, will be treated in a biocontainment center there.

Thomas Eric Duncan, the Liberian man who was diagnosed with Ebola in Dallas just over a week ago, remains in critical condition, said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). **REUTERS**

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Parents of American held by ISIL release photos, letter in video

Iraq. Kassig was threatened in an ISIL video on Friday that showed the beheading of a British aid worker.

Ed and Paula Kassig pushed for their son's release. / YOUTUBE

The parents of a U.S. aid worker held hostage by Islamic State militants on Sunday released photographs of their son and parts of a letter he wrote them from captivity in which he says he is scared to die but at peace with his belief.

Ed and Paula Kassig of Indianapolis, Indiana, appealed for his release on Saturday in a video message. Peter Kassig, 26, was taken captive a year ago while doing humanitarian work in Syria, his family has said.

On Sunday, they called for people to use the name he has taken since converting to Islam — Abdul-Rahman Kassig.

They also released photos of him working as a medic in Syria in 2013, fishing with his father on the Ohio River in southern Indiana in 2011 and — much younger — standing in his mother's arms by a waterfall during a family camping trip in 2000.

Kassig's parents said they were overwhelmed by the response from those who thought their boy was a hero for the humanitarian work he had been doing. REUTERS

Quoted

"If I do die, I figure that at least you and I can seek refuge and comfort in knowing that I went out as a result of trying to alleviate suffering and helping those in need." Kassig wrote

Tech industry

Hewlett-Packard to lay off 5,000, split into two companies

Hewlett-Packard said it would split into two listed companies, separating its computer and printer businesses from its faster-growing corporate hardware and services operations, and eliminate another 5,000 jobs as part of its turnaround plan.

HP said its shareholders would own a stake in both businesses through a tax-free transaction next year. Each business contributes about half of HP's revenue and profit.

Chief Executive Meg Whitman told Reuters the newly created HP Inc. would mostly stick to its basic core — PCs and printers — for now, while exploring related markets such as 3-D printing.

The company has no plans to venture into the hotly contested consumer mobile devices market, where it stumbled years ago. REUTERS

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Majors. Engineers top the list of highest lifetime earnings

Want to be rich one day? Consider majoring in some form of engineering.

According to new data from the Hamilton Project — which researches proposals that promote economic advancement — nine fields of engineering hold the Top 7 spots on its list of professions with the highest average total career earnings.

Chemical engineers came first on the list, earning an average total of 2.11 million dollars. They were followed by aerospace engineers, energy engineers and computer engineers.

The Hamilton Project researchers also note the huge advantage college grads have over the general population. "The typical graduate in every college major will out-earn the typical high school graduate by at least $200,000 over the career," the authors note.

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The list

Majors with the highest average lifetime earnings:

- Chemical engineering: $2.11 million
- Aerospace engineering: $2.06 million
- Energy engineering: $2.03 million
- Computer engineering: $2.02 million

University apologizes for hosting 'Sex Week'

Controversy. A New Mexico university backpedals after parental complaints.

Officials at the University of New Mexico were in apology mode last week after some parents complained that the school's student-organized Sex Week was much too racy.

According to a flier advertising the festivities, Sex Week events included workshops with the titles "How to be a Gentleman and Get Laid" (which focused on safe sex and consent), "Negotiating Successful Threesomes" and "O-Face Oral."

Administrators say the university received dozens of complaints about the event from outraged adults. The events were sponsored by the campus's Women's Resource Center and the Graduate and Professional Students Association.

"The initiative did not have clear oversight or close enough supervision to prevent the inclusion of topics that are sensational and controversial," the university's Vice President for Student Affairs Eliseo Torres said in a statement. "For that UNM apologizes."

Many students expressed their disappointment that the university withdrew their support of the event. "A college is meant to be a place to discuss ideas and to examine ideologies, even when those ideas or ideologies are uncomfortable," wrote the editors of the campus paper The Daily Lobo in an editorial.

Parents were horrified that students could learn about these topics. / WAVEBREAK MEDIA

Quoted

"A college is meant to be a place to discuss ideas and to examine ideologies, even when those ideas or ideologies are uncomfortable."

An editorial in The Daily Lobo, UNM's student paper

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Paying for school

One university's push to end student loans

Financial aid just got much more manageable at one school. / FUSE

One of the most selective universities in the country is doing away with student loans.

The University of Chicago announced on Wednesday that incoming first-year students receiving need-based aid will receive grants that do not have to be paid back, rather than be required to take out student loans.

"Students can graduate without debt influencing their plans for the future," reads a section of the school's new plan, called No Barriers.

"We want to ensure that students of high ability can aspire to join this community without financial worry, and with comprehensive support for their success both in the college and beyond graduation," wrote university president Robert Zimmer in a statement.

The grants will be funded by a fundraising campaign that was launched last year, which hopes to raise $4.5 billion by 2019.

This country just made college free for all

Speaking of efforts to make college more affordable, last week Lower Saxony became the last state in Germany to abolish tuition fees, making undergraduate education virtually free throughout the country.

"We got rid of tuition fees because we do not want higher education [that] depends on the wealth of the parents," Gabrielle Heinen-Kjajic, the minister for science and culture in Lower Saxony, said in a statement.

Wishing that you could relocate and take advantage of these benefits? Turns out that you can. International students also qualify for free tuition.

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How much booze is costing you

Budgeting. You could be spending more than $2,000 a year indulging in a glass of wine three times a week.

Spending $30 on going out three times a week for a year costs the same as a trip to Europe. / LIQUIDLIBRARY

We all tend to complain, in an era of stagnant incomes and rising prices, about how we just can't make ends meet. But consider this: The average U.S. household spent $445 on wine, beer and spirits in 2013, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That amounts to roughly 1 percent of our household expenditures, and it compares with an average household figure of $268 in 1993.

That is more than we spend on all nonalcoholic beverages combined. Keep in mind those averages include nondrinkers, too. That means some households are spending much, much more than that already-hefty average on alcohol.

When New York City's Jenna Hollenstein sat down one day and calculated what her drinking was costing her, she was shocked. The 39-year-old dietitian used to enjoy a nice bottle of wine or some gin after work, and it was starting to add up. "Even if it was only a $15 bottle of wine, three times a week, that was $45," she remembers. "That's $180 a month, or over $2,000 a year. That's a significant amount of money — and that's not even including going out for cocktails with friends."

Hollenstein decided to give up her pricey habit and wrote a book about her experiences, "Drinking to Distraction." But she is hardly alone in having a taste for a nip after work. After all, 64 percent of American adults report drinking occasionally, according to Gallup's most recent poll on consumption habits. Through boom times and bust, one of our most consistent national traits is that we enjoy our booze, and we're not willing to give it up.

We might not even realize how much we are spending on this habit, since it drips out in relatively small increments — a beer or two here, a carafe of wine there. Personal finance expert Tiffany Aliche, author of "The One Week Budget," suggests forcing yourself to do the math — just as Hollenstein did — before tossing back yet another nightcap.

"Let's say you drink three nights a week and spend $30 each time," she says. "That's over $4,000 a year, or as much as a trip to Paris or Rome."

Hollenstein noticed that her finances changed overnight when she stopped drinking.

"Drinking was just a mindless, habitual thing I did on a daily basis. I didn't really notice it until I got my credit card bill."

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By the numbers

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"Drinking was just a mindless, habitual thing I did on a daily basis. And I didn't really notice it — until I got my credit card bill or looked at my bank account." Hollenstein

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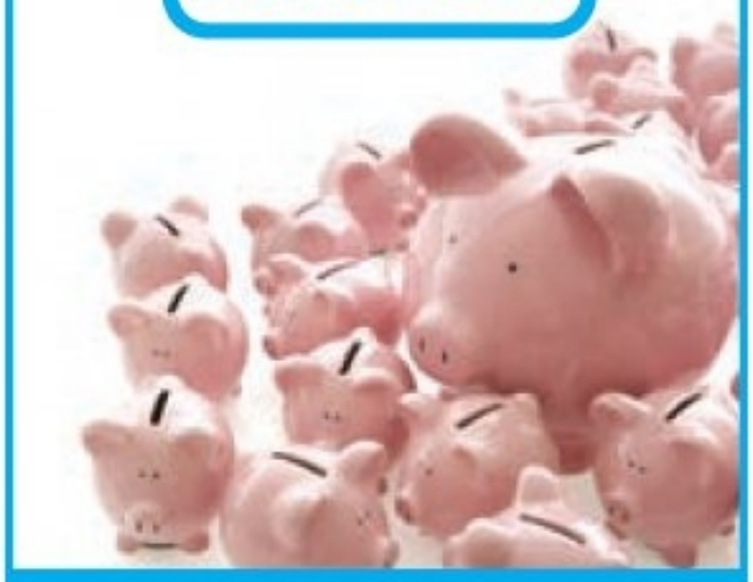

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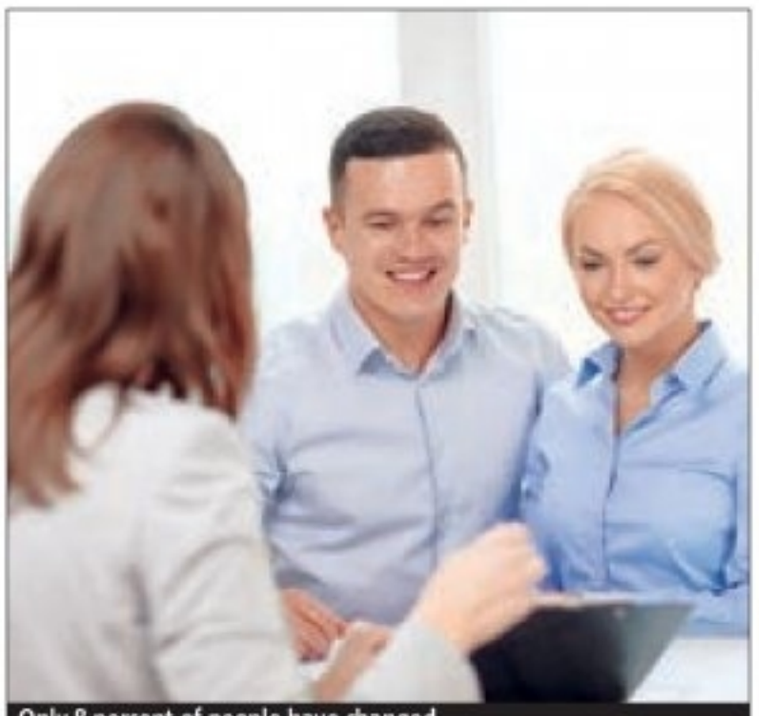

Only 8 percent of people have changed banks in the past year. / COLOURBOX

Most people actually like their banks

Bank notes. TD Bank surveyed over 1,000 people about their finance habits. Here's what they found.

According to a newly released survey conducted by TD Bank, 86 percent of people rate their banks as "excellent" or "very good," up from 83 percent last year. It turns out, as much as people like to complain about lengthy call wait times, lines and hidden fees, these comments don't accurately represent how they feel.

The survey also asked about the way people use their banks and the types of transactions they make on a regular basis. Given that people are starting to think credit cards are unnecessary, it's interesting that only 60 percent of survey-takers find a debit card essential.

The survey also shows that younger survey-takers are more likely to use a debit card than their older counterparts. Seventy-four percent of millennials can't imagine not having a debit card. This matches up with a recent survey conducted by Bankrate, which found that 63 percent of Americans in their 20s don't have a credit card.

While most people use the online banking resources available to them on a regular basis, being able to call their banks and speak to a representative isn't a habit of the past yet. In fact, more people have called their banks in the past year than they did last year. Despite the increase in phone calls, physically going to the bank to handle business has decreased, down to only 34 percent of survey-takers.

When it comes to switching banks, the survey found that the No. 1 reason people change banks is because of the cost of fees.

That said, only 8 percent of people who took the survey had switched banks in the past year.

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Retail. Will the holiday season save RadioShack?

RadioShack's downfall has been making headlines ever since March, when the chain announced they would be closing more than 1,000 stores across the U.S. But a hedge fund is now extending a lifeline, allowing the company to stay open through the ever-important holiday season.

Standard General and Litespeed Management, a hedge fund with 10 percent stock in the company, is giving RadioShack $120 million to help pay off existing debts and perhaps help give the chain new life, CNN Money reports. The hope is that if RadioShack has a successful holiday season, it will get back on secure footing and pull ahead.

A big portion of the money will go toward closing those 1,000 stores; so far, RadioShack hasn't had the money to pay severance and end its leases. The millions from Standard General and Litespeed Management will help the company do so.

In the meantime, all the stores will be pushing their tech products hard. RadioShack depends on its sales of tablets and smartphones, which make up more than 50 percent of its sales.

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RadioShack is hoping a successful holiday season will rejuvenate the chain. / GETTY IMAGES

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Characteristics of successful people

My top goal as a stock trader was to make as much money as possible, and now my top priority as a teacher is to create successful students. I've already made several million dollars and now have several millionaires under my belt, but success is much more than just financial earnings. Here are three characteristics that, I find, successful people possess:

#1: Dedication

No matter what your goals are, to be truly successful you must dedicate yourself to your craft and understand that achievement is a result of hard work and perseverance. Do not fear failure or mistakes. Everything you do wrong is one step closer to you achieving your goals because you'll then know what not to do.

Far too many people expect overnight success and for the vast majority, that's not how it works. Be patient.

#2: Having the right plan

Unfortunately, hard work and determination are not enough to guarantee success in this world; you must be on the right path and ideally also have the right plan to increase your odds of getting to where you want to be. It's OK to pivot from your original plan or even start all over with a new strategy, but I've met too many 9-to-5ers who work their butts off getting nowhere in life because they're slaving away, working hard for someone else's dreams.

If you love the 9-to-5 world, that's great, but don't deprioritize your passion and dreams and get stuck in the daily bustle of just trying to make enough money to get by in life.

#3: Ambition

I was determined to become a millionaire at a young age, so I studied my butt off in high school and achieved my goal at the tender age of 21.

Next, I wanted to become a hedge fund manager, and I checked that off at age 23. I became a best-selling author at age 26 and in 2007, my new goal was to create millionaire students from scratch. Now with three millionaire students in the bucket, I want to create many more millionaires. Every single day I work with my overall goal in mind. It's a good way to live. Dream big.

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What Sykes likes this week

1

The two Koreas are set to talk for the first time in ages; this is incredibly positive news.

2

My favorite college football team is Notre Dame — thanks largely to the film "Rudy" — and we just had a huge win against Stanford!

3

Apple's "bendgate" was overhyped by the media. The warping is happening to just a few phones, not all of them.

The New York Giants are now looking better than the New England Patriots. What is the world coming to? Go Big Blue!

Obama is focusing more on terrorists than what could be significantly more devastating, Ebola. We can never be too safe or overprotective with diseases like this.

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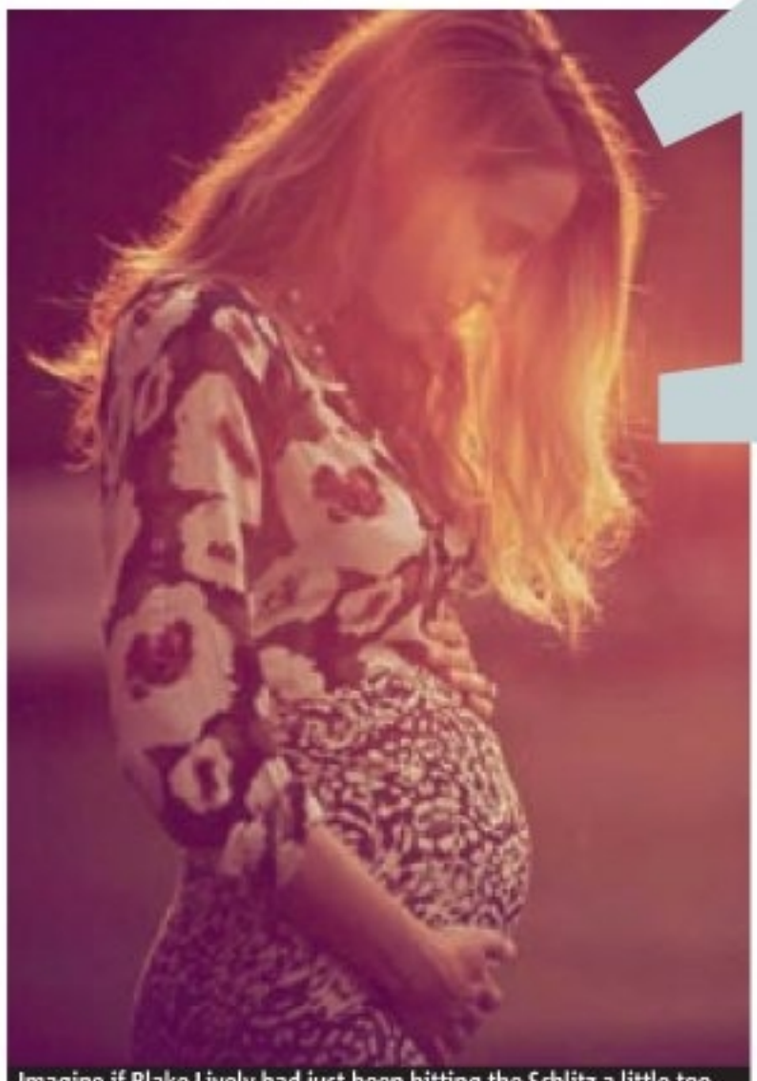


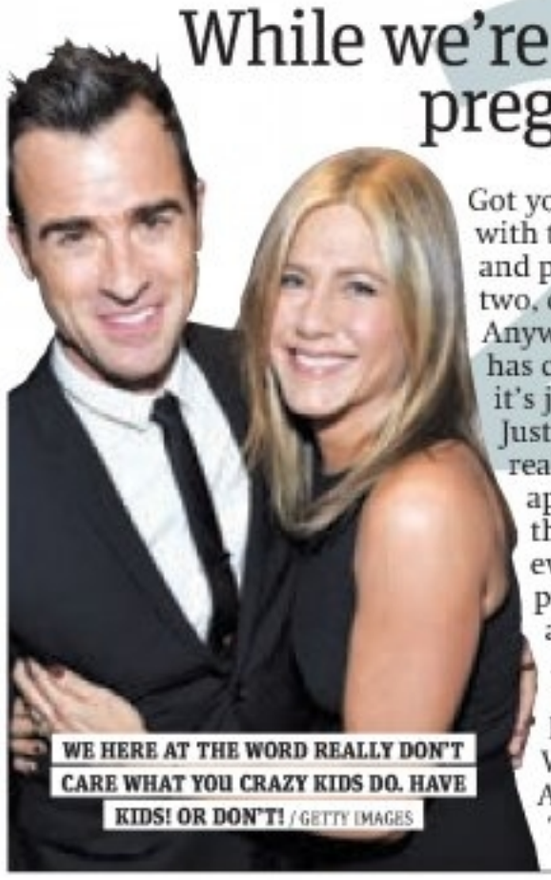
Imagine if Blake Lively had just been hitting the Schlitz a little too hard this summer? She never actually said she's preggers. / ERIC LIVELY

1 Website subtly suggests, 'Hey, Blake Lively is pregnant!'

Blake Lively is pregnant, and she announced it, kind of, by hawking maternity wear on her lifestyle website, Preserve. Instead of officially acknowledging that Lively is expecting in any direct manner, the site instead includes a photo of the former "Gossip Girl" star cradling her baby bump along with a lengthy explanation of how the fledgling online outlet has been missing out on a lucrative market segment. "We have something for men, for women, for the old, but we realized we don't have anything for the new," the Preserve editors write. "With family on our mind, we looked to the origin of it all — to the women in our lives who are right there, at that special moment; the creation of family." Naturally, the two items Lively is wearing in the photo are available for sale on the site.

This will be the first baby (and baby clothing marketing tool) for Lively and husband Ryan Reynolds, who met while filming "The Green Lantern" and married in 2011. As the site's lengthy post says, "Congratulations to all the expecting mothers out there." We can only assume that includes Lively. Now, can someone point out which products on the site are "for the old"? We were looking for shots of Reynolds with pants pulled up to his nips and a frumpy house coat, leaning on a custom-made walker, but at press time the site was down due to high traffic.

2 While we're on the subject of pregnancy



WE HERE AT THE WORD REALLY DON'T CARE WHAT YOU CRAZY KIDS DO. HAVE KIDS! OR DON'T! / GETTY IMAGES

Got your attention with that headline and photo of these two, didn't we? Anyway, nothing has changed here, it's just that Justin Theroux really doesn't appreciate all the pressure everyone's putting on him and Jennifer Aniston to tie the knot and have a family. While he tells Australia's TV Week that he couldn't be happier "personally and professionally," the nagging from the press is getting a bit much. "I am not going to let a tabloid tell me what to do," he says. "I'm not going to watch them tap their watch. ... We're just doing our own thing. ... We're completely happy, obviously, but we're not on anyone else's time frame." Well, if you guys change your mind, Blake Lively has some really lovely baby clothes and maternity wear to sell you.

3 People still stalk Keanu Reeves?

Keanu Reeves hopefully won't have to worry about Kerry Colen Raus, the woman who was caught trespassing at his home last month — for a little while, at least. The "Matrix" star has received a temporary restraining order against her, according to TMZ. The temporary order could be extended after a review hearing on Oct. 22. Raus was arrested in September after she took a dip in Reeves' pool followed by a shower in his house. She is currently in a psychiatric facility.

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4 Seriously, what should we call Bieber and Gomez?

Never let it be said Justin Bieber isn't a show-off. And this week he's apparently showing off that his on-again, off-again relationship with Selena Gomez is very much on again — or at least her relationship with his shoulder tattoos. Bieber posted — then quickly deleted — a selfie to Instagram of Gomez cuddling up behind him, smooching his upper arm while he offers his usual eyebrow-raised, open-mouth confused tough guy look that always makes me think of Corey Haim. The photo was maddeningly free of caption or context, but they seem happy. In related news, according to comments on the photo, the reigning celebrity couple nickname for the pair is "Jelena," but I honestly would've gone with "Gober." Or heck, even "Biebez" sounds cooler than "Jelena."

5 Breaking the bad 'Breaking Bad' silence

"Breaking Bad" fans, rejoice. While the show's upcoming spin-off, "Better Call Saul," doesn't premiere until February, AMC is whetting appetites with a delightful country music video tribute to the series and its titular crooked strip mall lawyer, Saul Goodman (played by Bob Odenkirk). The song, performed by Junior Brown, chronicles the many pickles Saul's clients may find themselves in and the video shows a few frames of the new show.

URSULA COYOTE, AMC

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Judd Apatow is feeling like a failure, Zoe Saldana is enjoying the Elton John concert and Miles Teller is not feeling very safe.

@JuddApatow: I am heavier than @TomArnold. I am proud of Tom and pissed at @JuddApatow who loves Duncan Hines cake.

@zoesaldana: "Candle in the Wind" and tears roll down... I am absolute mush for this man!

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Reintroducing 'The Flash'

"The Flash" premieres tonight at 8 p.m. on The CW.
JACK ROWAND, THE CW

New shows. The speedy DC Comics superhero gets his own show (with a little help from "Arrow").

For Grant Gustin, winning the role of Barry Allen/The Flash was, well, kind of like getting struck by lightning and becoming the fastest man in the world: It was a life-changing event that placed him in the spotlight, for better or worse.

"This is my favorite character I've ever gotten to play thus far in my young career," says Gustin, who had recurring roles on "90210" and "Glee." "I'm having the time of my life."

There are the obvious upsides (playing an iconic superhero), and the inevitable downsides (overprotective fans of the original comic book character). But Gustin and the crew behind The CW's "The Flash" aren't new to this arena. Gustin was introduced — and well-received — as Barry in Season 2 of "Arrow," the network's series about the adventures of that DC character. "The Flash" exists within the "Arrow" universe, and crossover episodes are planned for this year. Still, none of the hype would matter if the show and its characters didn't stand on their own. So it's a good thing Barry is so likable.

"He's just so endearing. He's so sweet. He's curious," Gustin says of his forensic scientist-turned-crime-fighter. "He's a nerd … and now he's a superhero. Now he has these powers and he can use them to help other people. There aren't that many better characters out there to play."

GRANT GUSTIN
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Casting

Finding 'The Flash'

Though "The Flash" exists in the same world as "Arrow," the producers of both series didn't want to simply replicate their other superhero hit. And a major part of accomplishing that meant finding the right leading man. Says executive producer Andrew Kreisberg: "Grant was literally the first person to read for Barry. And after that, it was sort of over."

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DRAMA

'NCIS: New Orleans'

After a prisoner transport crashes, the team has to recapture a black market broker who poses a threat to national security. **9 P.M., CBS**

COMEDY

'New Girl'

Cece and Winston have a little fun at Coach and Schmidt's expense by convincing them they could make it as male models. **9 P.M., FOX**

DRAMA

'Supernatural'

The season begins with Dean still a demon, and enjoying it a bit too much, while Sam tries to work out what happened to him.

SEASON PREMIERE, 9 P.M., CW

COMEDY

'Selfie'

Henry finds trouble when he tries using Facebook, while Eliza runs into issues because of a romance with a co-worker. **8 P.M., ABC**

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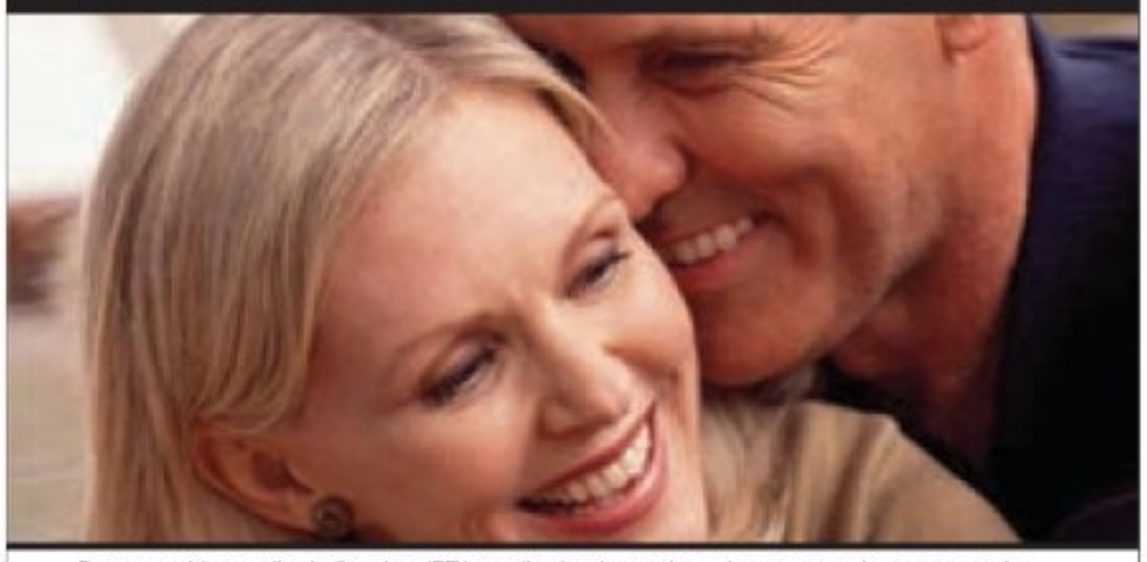

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Jason Reitman vs. the Internet

Interview.
The director of "Men, Women & Children" says technology robs kids of innocence.

To make a movie about the Internet, sometimes you need to build your own Internet. At least that was Jason Reitman's approach for his latest film, "Men, Women & Children," about how today's technology complicates people's attempts at love, sex and connection.

So, tell us about the Internet.
I'm living in an age of uncertainty in my business, which is caused by the Internet, which has brought uncertainty to so many people's lives — in their jobs, [romantic lives] and relationships with their children. It is a moment of great question. It is the dawn of an industry like humanity has never seen. I don't think that the printing press comes close.

JASON REITMAN
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How much do you think technology changes how we deal with those relationships?
It's the ability to communicate with strangers, to communicate with the unknown. The Internet is this curiosity box that allows us to explore everything inside us, whether it's good or bad. Everything is instantaneous, and the availability to young people threatens the concept of innocence, if you believe in it at all. There is something nice about the concept of innocence, that there is a moment where we are untouched, but that is kind of dissipating.

On directing

Making the whole film look good

How did you go about the task of making it seem interesting to watch people staring at their phones and computer screens?
We had to build the Internet; the Internet is a location in this film. For every scene we built our own software that would emulate the Internet that would have pages you could navigate where every user, every like, every ad was our own. The first thing was to create an Internet that we 100 percent recognize the way that we would recognize walking down the street and into a Starbucks or Gap. Yes, this is the Internet — this is the world I live in on a daily basis.

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'Bad Blood' and good fortune

An optimist about this. Drummer Chris Wood talks about the day he met Dan Smith and soon after formed Bastille.

A few winters ago Chris Wood found himself going door-to-door in London, distributing flyers to offer his services as a drum teacher. It was, as he describes, a chance at getting out of working at a factory. Not many people called him, but one who did was singer Dan Smith.

"Basically, he rang me up, expecting me to be this 60-year-old man with a beard and he was asking if I had any drum students that would be good," recalls Wood, "and I was like, 'Nah, dude, I've only got two.'"

And so it goes that Wood offered his own services and became the drummer for Bastille. Though the band's success in the States has seemed rapid, there were years of struggle in their home country.

"In America, we were very fortunate in that we skipped some steps that most bands have to go through, like the stage where you are playing for 10 people at this bar, and then you drive 20 hours to play for 10 people at this other bar," he says, noting that by the time they had come to the U.S., their debut, "Bad Blood," was already a No. 1 in England. "In the U.K. though, we've seen it go from the very basic level where we were playing in pubs to where we are now."

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What's next

'Half-finished mess'

When we speak with Wood, he's in the kitchen of a recording studio, where the members of Bastille have just completed seven days of recording for their follow-up to 2013's smash, "Bad Blood."

Wood says Bastille are tinkering with the formula that made them famous.

"We're using guitars for the very first time," he says. "It's really kind of just ideas right now. There are seven or eight at the moment at varying stages of completion. ... We'd love to play these songs live, but people would be like, 'Why are you playing this half-finished mess?'"

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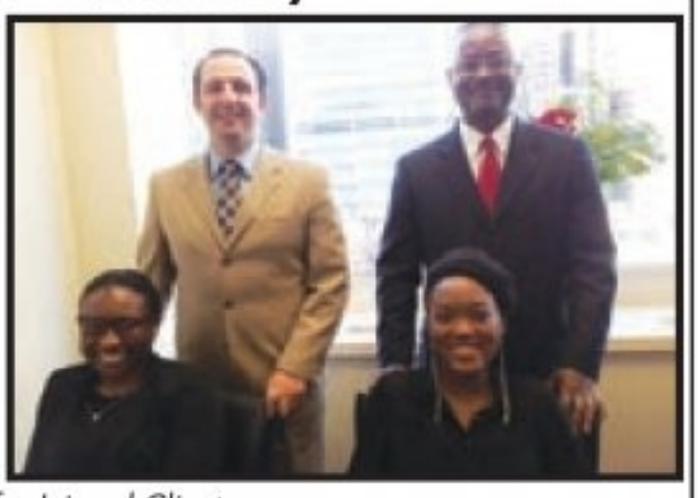

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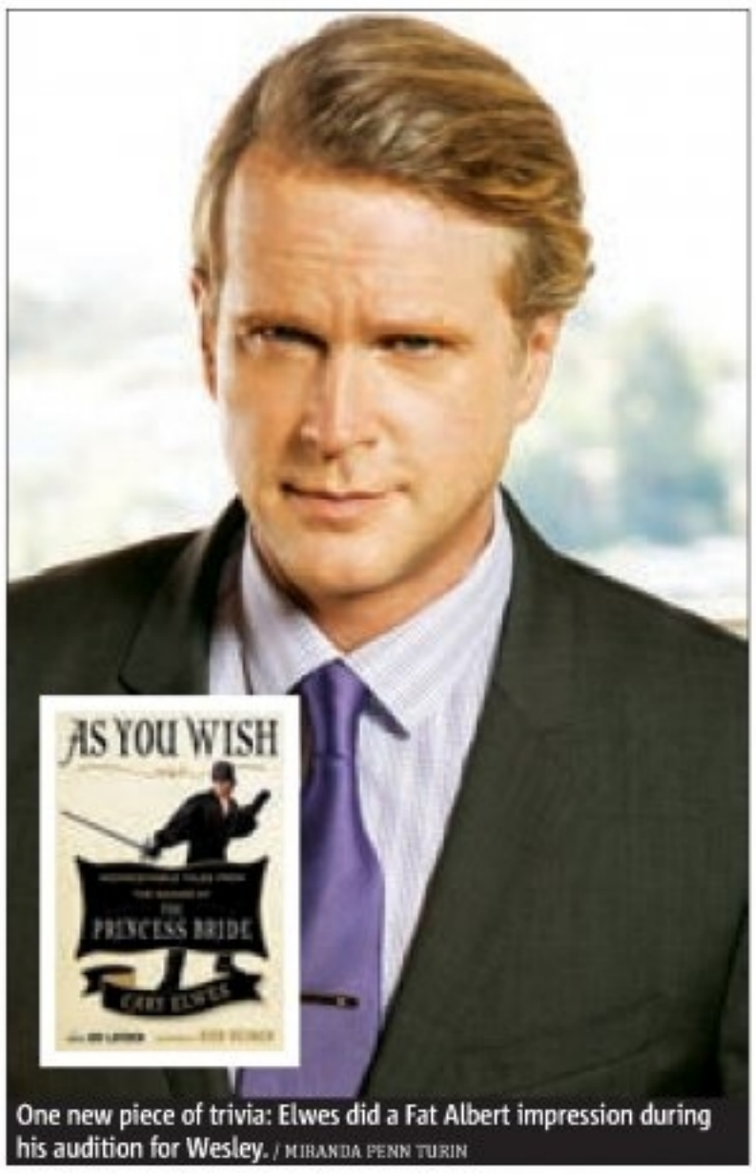

One new piece of trivia: Elwes did a Fat Albert impression during his audition for Wesley. / MIRANDA PENN TURIN

Memoir. Cary Elwes takes fans behind the scenes of the making of the cult classic, "The Princess Bride."

For a certain subset of the population, the phrase "as you wish" has some magical connotations. It's the coded phrase Wesley says to Buttercup throughout "The Princess Bride" that she eventually realizes is his way of telling her he loves her. It's also the title of a new memoir by Cary Elwes, who played Wesley in the film, about making the film. (The full title is "As You Wish: Inconceivable Tales from the Making of 'The Princess Bride.'")

It's not just Elwes' memories in the book, though. There are interviews throughout with almost everyone involved in making the movie, from screenwriter William Goldman to director Rob Reiner to Buttercup herself, Robin Wright.

"I can't take complete credit for this book," admits Elwes. "I did get the rest of the cast to share their experiences."

The book is full of odd little stories about the making of the movie, like the time Elwes broke his toe trying to drive Andre the Giant's four-wheeler — and then, concerned he'd make director Rob Reiner so angry he'd be recast, continued trying to film.

That injury was something of a serious concern. He and Mandy Patinkin spent months learning to fence, because Goldman included in the script that the Wesley/Inigo Montoya battle should be the "greatest sword fight in modern times." Patinkin's interview about filming the big scene reminded Elwes of something he'd forgotten.

"Mandy reminded me that we had to change some of the fight sequence at the last second because it didn't work for the camera angle that Rob had chosen," says Elwes. Reiner gave them something like 20 minutes to fix it (the battle they'd rehearsed for three months) and "we went and re-choreographed a whole section on the stairs, and got it and did it right in the first take, which I'd forgotten about," says Elwes.

Elwes was inspired to put the book together after the cast reunited for the film's 25th anniversary at Lincoln Center, which proved to be a reminder of how much fan interest there is in any hint of trivia about it. "We all get asked, every one of us, by fans, what it was like all the time," Elwes says. "I thought now is a good time before my memory starts to fail to try and jot it all down and share it with the fans."

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Co-stars

A giant among men

In the book, Elwes shares many stories about Andre the Giant. From his willingness to take pictures with every cast and crew member to his habit of calling everyone "Boss," he comes across as a person who responded to an unusual life with uncommon grace. Asked why he wrote so much about the man, Elwes responds: "Because I missed him. We all do. If you were fortunate enough to have Andre in your life, as we all were, to say he looms large is an understatement."

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How to pass for a local

Vacay. Find out which tourist cliches you're guilty of — and how to act like a local.

Layering a large-lensed Nikon over your Hawaiian shirt is a dead giveaway you're not from around these parts — but it's not the only sign you're a tourist. Even if you think you're blending in, the locals know better. Priceline.com took a look at what lets everyone know you're just visiting via a study conducted by Edelman Berland research. The study surveyed travelers as well as locals who have lived in a major U.S. city for at least five years, from New York to San Francisco. Here are the highlights of Priceline .com's first Tourist Report Card.

Taking a selfie in the street definitely makes you look like a tourist. / DIGITAL VISION

What to wear

- The biggest tourist giveaway, according to more than half of the locals, is somebody with a camera around his or her neck taking pictures of everything.
- Locals voted that the ugliest tourist accessory is socks and sandals (42 percent), followed by the fanny pack (21 percent).
- But almost 60 percent of tourists say they try to avoid wearing typical tourist gear.

This wasn't included in Priceline.com's Tourist Report Card, but if you're feeding the pigeons you're probably not a local. / ABLESTOCK

According to the study, tourists are looking to get it on. Almost 40 percent of singletons surveyed said they would love to have a fling with a local. PHOTODISC

Top 3 tourist cliches

63%
Ask a local for directions

54%
Eat at a chain franchise

49%
Stop in the middle of the street to take a picture

Getting around

- One in four tourists prefers to use a pocket foldout map, and about three in seven still use a printout map from the Internet.
- More than half of tourists equate blending in successfully with learning to navigate public transportation.
- About 63 percent of tourists have asked a local for directions.

Sex

- More than one in three single tourists say they would love to have a fling with a local.
- Nearly one in five would put those thoughts into action, actually trying to find a one-night hookup.
- More than one in three tourists have become smitten over a foreigner with an accent.

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Top 5

Ways to blend in a new city

1. Order local dishes and drinks.
2. Travel via public transportation.
3. Avoid tourist gear, such as fanny packs, water bottle holsters and local city T-shirts.
4. Learn and use local phrases and expressions.
5. Befriend the locals.

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Zita West: Baby food

Your fertility. A celebrity baby guru explains what goes into a healthy pregnancy.

Over the past 30 years, London-based midwife Zita West has helped thousands of women — including Princess Diana, Cate Blanchett, Kate Winslet and Stella McCartney — through conception, pregnancy and birth. West's new book, "Eat Yourself Pregnant" offers 80 recipes to get your body ready for the bump. We asked her to tell us a little more about the nutritional theory behind her meals.

West has helped A-listers like Kate Winslet get pregnant. / MWN

The essentials

A good diet includes:

- Protein to build hormones, found in eggs and meat.
- Essential fatty acids for hormone production, a healthy immune system and cell membranes for eggs and sperm come from oily fish, nuts and seeds.
- Slow-release carbohydrates for energy, from any brown cereals.
- B vitamins and folic acid for cell division, which come from green vegetables.

You both are what you eat

"The maturing egg, sperm, endometrium (womb lining) and fetus depend upon nutrients for development. If the diet contains too many environmental endocrine-disrupting chemicals (like trans fats, refined sugars or excess additives) — or if it's depleted of nutrients altogether — then fertility can be significantly affected.

"Protein, fats and carbohydrates are needed for the healthy reproduction of sperm, eggs and the embryo. Fruit and vegetables are necessary to protect against free radical damage to which eggs and sperm are sensitive."

Weight matters

"Being underweight or overweight both cause issues. Some women who are underweight have given up completely on carbohydrates, but this is not the way to go. You need carbs for energy, and many women are overwhelmed by how they crave carbs in early pregnancy.

"Being underweight can affect your health and fertility just as much as being overweight."

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♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. You will feel like you are running out of steam. Have a sincere chat with anyone who is being demanding or difficult, and set boundaries.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Tackle correspondence that is overdue, and sort out what's irrelevant. It will help you find a moneymaking alternative.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Trust your instincts. You have the knowledge to conquer a lucrative project, and the time to put your ideas in motion is now. Be assertive.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Long-lasting damage will occur if you are too demanding. Try to see the situation from your opponent's perspective.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. You will reap benefits from investments. Everyone will be on your side, and changes at home will be well-received.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. You will have conflicts with youngsters. Financial losses are likely if you get involved with an unscrupulous person. Your social life could use a boost.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Be careful when it comes to sharing your plans. If you feel uncertain, it would be best to avoid getting involved in a joint endeavor.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Lectures and travel should be part of your plans. Don't hesitate to ask for advice if you are questioning what you should do next.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. If a project has reached a dead end, consider taking a different approach. Look for someone who can offer a contribution that will get you back on track.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Surprises lie ahead. Go over your spending in detail. You'll feel less stress if you know you can cover your expenses. EUGENIA LAST

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Letters

Science isn't up for debate

It's been clearly established that industrial emissions are causing widespread disruption to the planet's climate. Because of how ungodly complex climate and weather naturally are, plus our continual pumping of more emissions into the atmosphere, our understanding of how those disruptions play out is constantly evolving. Plus, these disruptions are growing in frequency and intensity, making it harder to project what's coming. No more nonsense about the science not being settled; the real question is whether we are going to actually survive it.
JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA EMAIL

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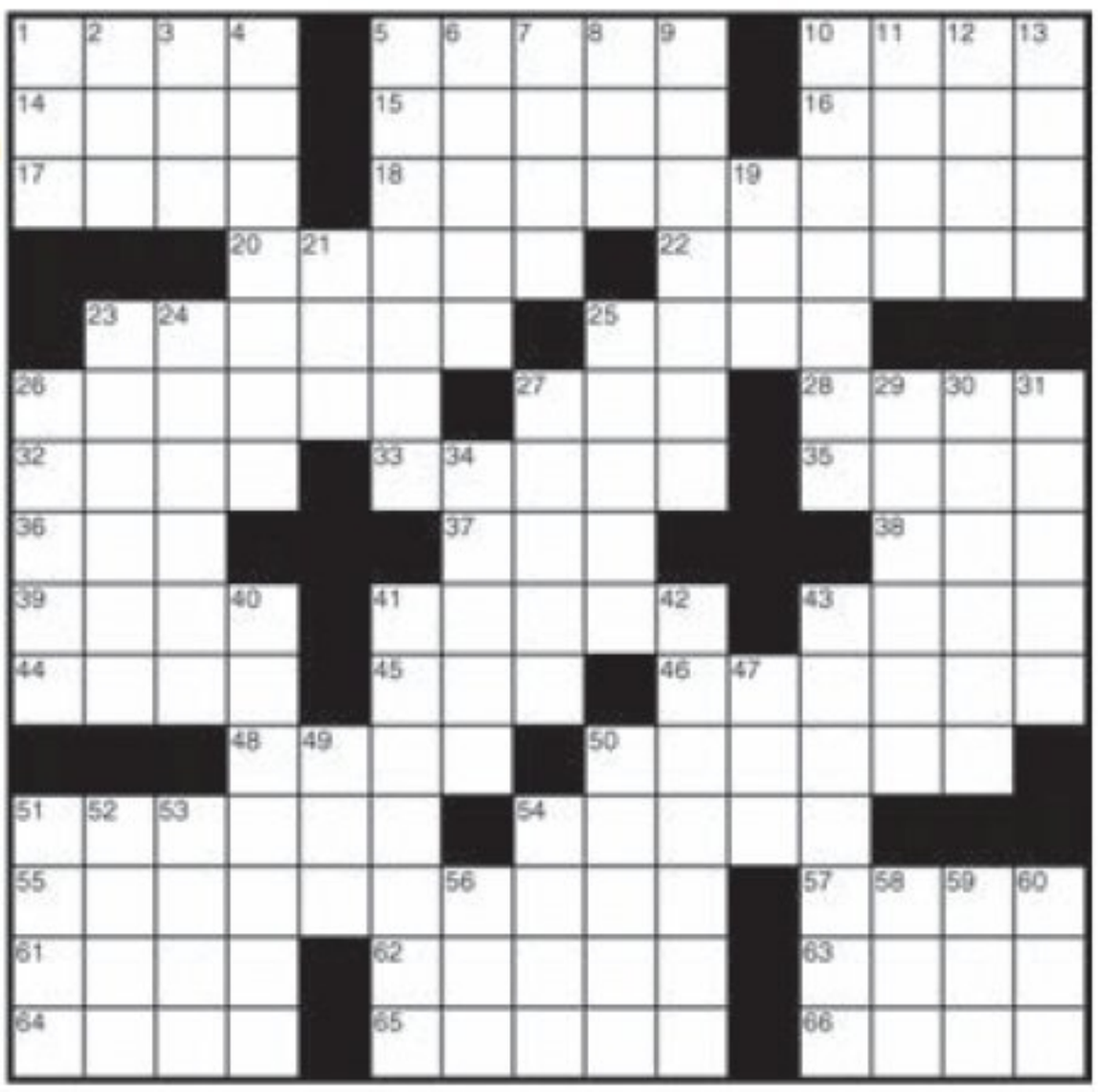

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3 SPORTS

Former Eagle out

Lions cut kicker Henery

Just before training camp broke, Chip Kelly tagged Cody Parkey as the Eagles' placekicker, cutting ties with last year's starter Alex Henery. It turned out to be a good move. The Lions cut Henery on Monday after the kicker missed three field goals for Detroit in a 17-14 loss Sunday. Henery went 1-for-5 during a two-week stint with the team.

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Riley Cooper, Nick Foles' favorite target last season, caught his first TD of 2014 on Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles are 4-1. Fans dealing with the perplexing developments surrounding a 34-28 win over St. Louis on Sunday need to keep reminding themselves their team has won 80 percent of the games so far. Only in this truly bizarre season is 4-1 a cause for alarm.

And yet it is, because Nick Foles looks nothing like the quarterback he was last season, and because LeSean McCoy is neither playing nor acting like the franchise running back of the past five years. As for the defensive secondary, well, the less said about that horrific fourth quarter, the better.

On Monday, coach Chip Kelly acknowledged on my WIP radio show that even he is "conflicted" by his team's first five starts — pleased by the overall record, but worried about the way they've achieved their 4-1 record. And no one right now is a bigger puzzle than McCoy, who ended the game with some serious new questions to answer.

The biggest is why he pulled himself out of the pivotal series of the contest after two short runs, with the Eagles clinging to a six-point lead. There were still two minutes left when the team's best runner jogged to the sideline. He never got back onto the field. Darren Sproles burst into the open for a 25-yard gain to preserve the drive, and ran three more times before a punt.

McCoy said he had already carried the ball 24 times in the game — for a ho-hum 3.4 yards per attempt — and Sproles was fresher at that point. In other words, McCoy was tired, though it's not clear whether he was tired of running into walls, or just plain winded. Neither excuse absolves him.

The story of Foles' day was no more encouraging, as the quarterback continued to bumble through his third NFL season. Foles had some big moments — touchdown passes to Riley Cooper and Jeremy Maclin, for example — but also a terrible interception and an even worse fumble.

The Eagles would've won easily on Sunday if Foles had simply held onto the ball after his ill-fated scramble, but still there is no logical explanation for what happened after that. Cornerbacks Cary Williams and Bradley Fletcher were an embarrassment in the final quarter, lunging at balls beyond their grasp while always at least a step behind the receiver.

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Defensive coordinator Billy Davis called the performance of his defense in the fourth quarter "awful," and he was actually being kind. If not for a couple of late dropped passes, the defense would have blown one of the biggest fourth-quarter leads in NFL history.

And yet, the Eagles are 4-1 this season, not to mention 11-2 in their last 13 regular-season games. They are tied for first place. They are good. Unfortunately, a new concern is creeping in now, after a win that felt more like a loss. Maybe good is not going to be good enough.

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Nick Foles' headlong dive and fumble nearly cost the Eagles the game on Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

After turning the ball over three times against the Rams (and somehow still hanging on to win) the Eagles now have 12 giveaways this season — the most in the NFL.

Gone are the days of the most efficient quarterback in NFL history. A season after posting a QB rating of 119 and throwing 27 touchdowns and just two interceptions, Nick Foles is the Birds' worst offender. He has five interceptions and a fumble in five games this year, putting him near the bottom of NFL quarterbacks. His 82.5 quarterback rating has him ranked No. 23 this season. It's a problem that hasn't cost the Eagles too many games — yet.

"We just have to do a better job with the turnovers," Foles said. "I need to do a better job with the ball and we need to just be better with that. We'll fix that and we'll keep working."

LeSean McCoy's fumble Sunday came after running east, then west, then east again, refusing to accept a two-yard loss and instead losing 10 yards and the football.

"I was just trying to make something happen," McCoy said. "I got the ball and just tried to make a play." EVAN MACY

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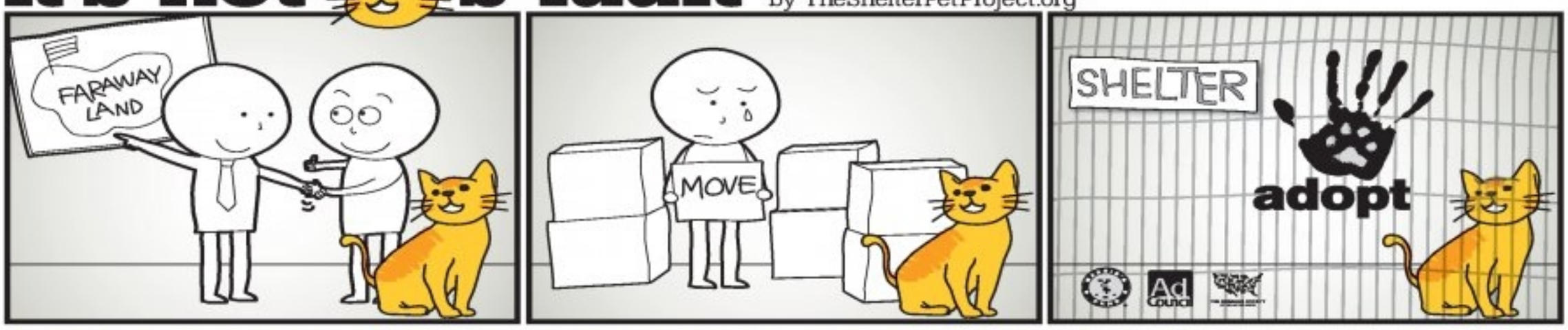

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